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Senator J. Kalani English was raised in Hana, Maui by his grandparents who instilled in him a strong moral foundation, work ethic and dedication to family and community. Bilingual in English and Hawaiian languages and proficient in Mandarin Chinese, Senator English possesses uniquely diverse attributes. He has both a distinguished birthright and well-earned recognition as a ranking Ali'i 7th degree, Royal Order of Kamehameha I and member of The Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Of Hawaiian, Tahitian, Chinese & Russian Jewish heritage, Senator English graduated from Kamehameha Schools in 1984. He continued studies in Taiwan and received a certificate from the National Chengchi University then earned his B.A. from Hawai'i Loa College. He is an alumnus of the East-West Center's Institute of Culture & Communication, completing graduate studies at UH Manoa in 1995 with an M.A. in Pacific Island Studies.

Senator English has varied professional expertise including cultural preservation, education, horticulture, tourism, journalism, and public service both as a diplomat and as an elected lawmaker. He was an adviser to the Permanent Mission of the Federated States of Micronesia at the United Nations before serving as a two term Councilmember on the Maui County Council. He joined the Hawaii State Senate in November 2000.

Now in his second term, he is Chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment, and a member of the committees on: Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs; Science, Art & Technology; Water, Land & Agriculture; and, Ways & Means.

